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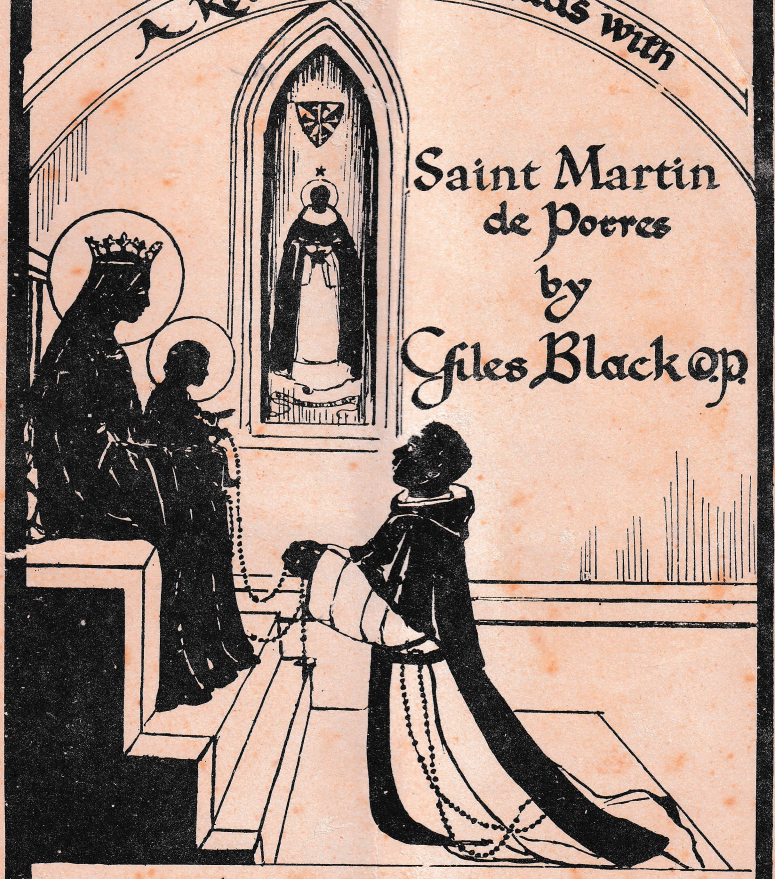

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FOREWORD

Sister Mary Francis Xavier of the Congregation of Saint Joseph of Cluny is responsible not only for the illustrations in this little book, but also for the application of the mysteries of the Rosary to the life of Saint Martin, and for the captions. My part was simply to prepare some prayers for the pages opposite the pictures.

We both hope that Saint Martin may kindly use this Round of the Beads to draw souls to Jesus and Mary and we beg a little prayer for ourselves and for the religious families to which we belong.

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Ecce
Ancilla
Domini
The Annunciation
Martin's
Humility.
Oh Lord
I am not
worthy!
The Prior tells
Martin that he
is to be made a Lay Brother.

I

The Annunciation

Pride—that nasty, ugly thing—based on Disobedience, caused Adam's fall. Eve prepared the way for it.

Humility—that lovely virtue—based on Obedience, was the remedy.

Mary, the second Eve, prepared the way for Jesus, the second Adam, most humble, most obedient, to remedy the evil.

Martin followed Jesus and Mary in humility and obedience.

Dear Martin, please ask Jesus and Mary
to make me humble and obedient.

Our Father (1)
Hail Mary (10)
Glory be (1)

Here ask for any special favor you want.
Just say: "Please, Saint Martin!"

The Visitation
Our Lady's Charity for her Neighbour.
Saint Martin visited the sick in their poor Homes.

II

The Visitation

What an unkind world we live in!

Our Lady was not like that.

Her cousin Elizabeth needed her. That was enough. The journey was long and difficult, nevertheless Mary went, and went quickly. What is more, she stayed. She did not hurry away.

Let us model our kindness, quick, understanding, joyful and leisurely, on this holy mystery of the Visitation.

Saint Martin modelled his and he will help us if only we say to him: "Please, Saint Martin".

Our Father (1)
Hail Mary (10)
Glory be (1)

Here we might ask dear Martin for some special favor.

The Nativity
No Room for them in the Inn.
Saint Martin's love for the poor~ He puts a sick beggar in his bed

III

The Nativity

Come now with Mary and Joseph, the Shepherds and the Wise Men and Martin of Porres, let us worship the little Babe of Bethlehem.

There was no room in the inn.

They went to a cold stable.

There the Saviour of the world was born.

Martin loved to find room for the sick and the poor. To him they were Christ. They found Christ in him.

Dear Martin, don't let us be cold-hearted. Otherwise Jesus may come to us and we not know Him.

Our Father (1)
Hail Mary (10)
Glory be (1)

Now perhaps we have some special favor for which we want to say: "Please" to Saint Martin.

Saint Martin's Obedience in his lowly duties.

IV

The Presentation

The great lesson which we are meant to learn from this Mystery is Obedience.

Jesus—obedient to the Law.

Mary—obedient to the Law.

Joseph—obedient to the Law.

Simeon—obedient to the Law.

Anna—obedient to the Law.

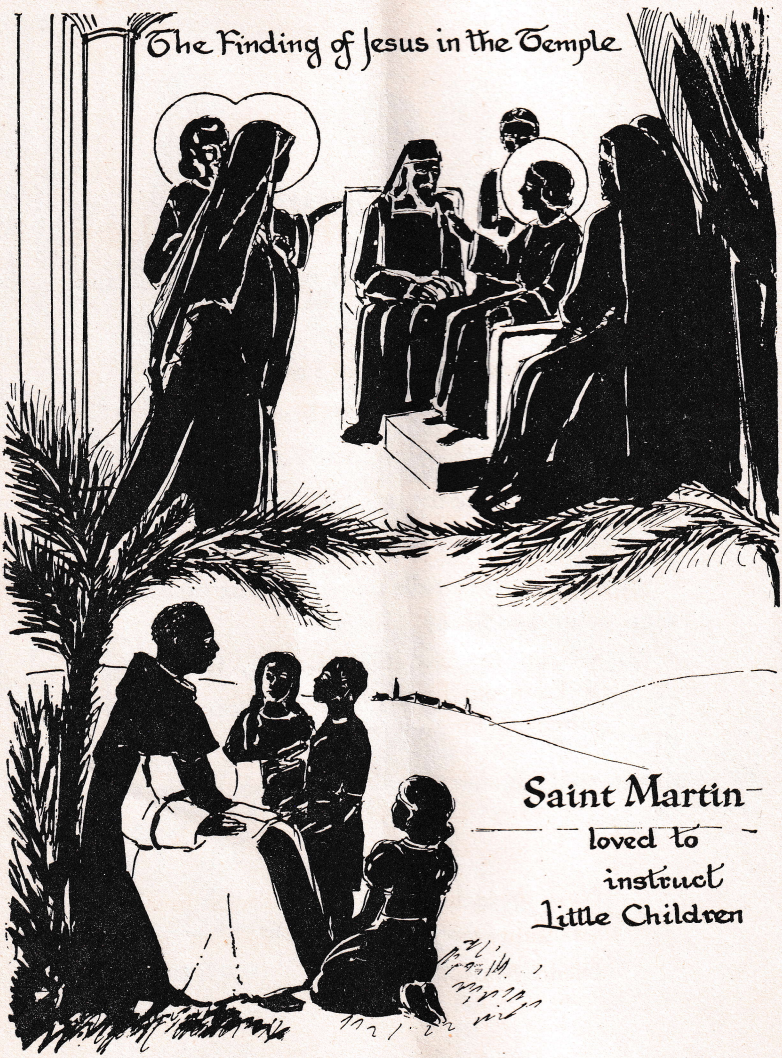
Holy Scripture tells us that "The obedient man may speak of victory".

Why was Martin of Porres so holy? Because he was obedient. So he won victory over himself.

He will get us that victory too, if we say "Please".

Our Father (1)
Hail Mary (10)
Glory be (1)

Now a special intention.


The Finding of Jesus in the Temple
Saint Martin
loved to
instruct
Little Children

V

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

With joy Mary and Joseph found the Child Jesus sitting among the teachers in His Father's House.

They seemed to teach Him. Really He was teaching them.

Martin of Porres loved teaching God's children.

Obtain for us, dear Martin, the grace to know our Faith and to be able to help others to know it too.

Our Father (1)
Hail Mary (10)
Glory be (1)

Now there must be some special favor we want to say "Please" for, to our friend Martin.

The Agony of our Lord
while the Apostles sleep.
Saint Martin prays and keeps vigil for those who do not pray.

I

The Agony in the Garden

Oh my dear, dear Jesus! How great was Your agony! How dreadful that sweat of blood—Your own most precious Blood!

How You prayed.

It makes me ill to think of all the people who never pray. It grieved my dear friend Martin. It grieved him so much that he used to keep awake at night, praying and praying and praying for those who never pray.

Dear Martin, do get me grace to pray better, to pray more often, and to pray longer. Teach me how to make my whole life a prayer. Yours was. Why not mine?

Our Father (1)
Hail Mary (10)
Glory be (1)

I've got a special intention. *Please,* Saint Martin.

The scourging of Our Lord
2nd Sorrowful Mystery.
Saint Martin
unites with Him, in making
Reparation
for the sins of the World

II

The Scourging at the Pillar

Lash upon lash. Lash upon lash. Enough to kill.

But Jesus Christ would die just when He, the Lord of life, chose.

Reparation for the sins of the world.

We, members of Christ's Mystical Body, ought to take part in that reparation.

Oh, my Jesus, what a coward I am! But Martin of Porres was no coward.

Shall we try to be a little braver, thus a little more like Martin, and so a little,—a very little—more like Jesus, our Saviour?

Our Father (1)
Hail Mary (10)
Glory be (1)

Now for our special intention.

Our Blessed Lord is crowned with thorns

3rd Sorrowful Mystery

No rest was given to Saint Martin, — Night and day he was at the beck and call of everybody.

III

Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns

Mental anguish is more than bodily anguish.

Our Lord suffered both.

FOR LOVE OF ME.

Our dear Martin of Porres was often worn out with pain of body and pain of mind, and all the time he was giving out constant sympathy with never a moment of impatience.

Saint Martin, pray for me.

Our Father (1)
Hail Mary (10)
Glory be (1)

Please dear Martin listen to my special intention.

Our Lord
carrying His Cross
consoles
The Daughters
of
Jerusalem

4th Sorrowful Mystery.

Saint Martin
while carrying his
own daily cross
joyfully

consoled all who
came to him with theirs.

IV

Our Lord Carries His Cross

—and consoles—the daughters of Jerusalem and you and me.

Martin of Porres carried his cross joyfully and marched with it Heavenwards.

I know I must suffer—there are two ways —miserably because I must, or joyfully because I love the Cross!

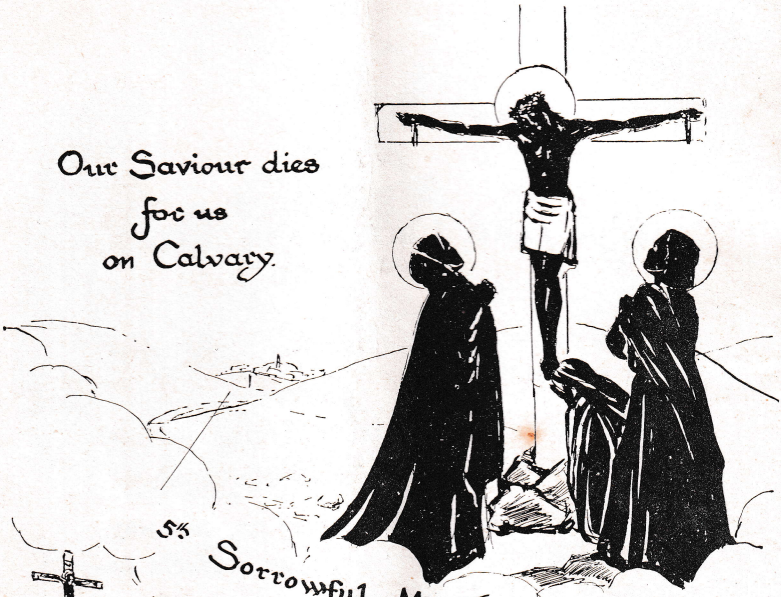
With Martin I choose the second.

Help me Martin, Please.

Our Father (1)
Hail Mary (10)
Glory be (1)

I've got an intention I want to tell you about dear Martin.

Our Saviour dies
for us
on Calvary.



5th Sorrowful Mystery.

The source of Saint Martin's joy and strength was Daily Mass, the renewal of the sacrifice of Calvary.

V

Our Saviour Dies on Calvary

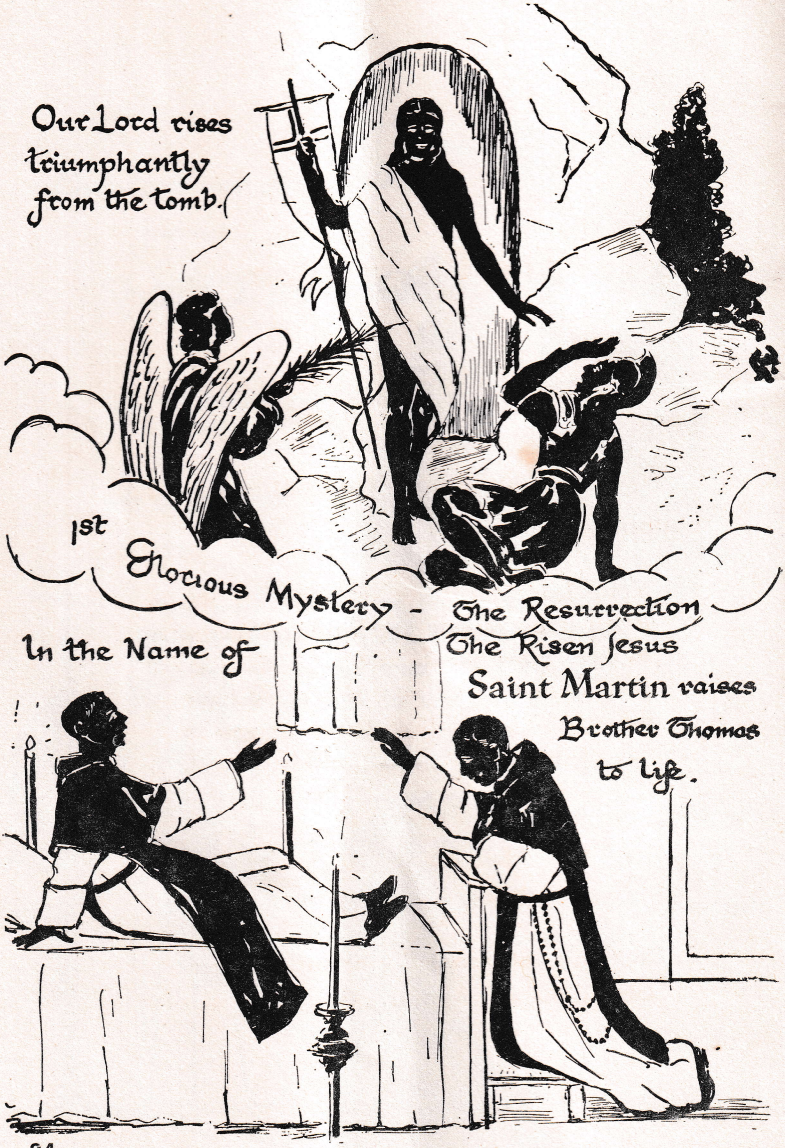
Our Lady and Saint John stood by the Cross—the Sacrifice of Calvary.

Martin kneels at the Altar, assisting at the same Sacrifice.

God grant us all so great a love and devotion for the Holy Sacrifice of the Altar, that we may rejoice in taking every opportunity of hearing Mass.

Our Father (1)
Hail Mary (10)
Glory be (1)

Listen, dear Martin and tell Jesus and Mary what I tell you.


Our Lord rises triumphantly from the tomb.
1st Glorious Mystery - The Resurrection
In the Name of
The Risen Jesus
Saint Martin raises Brother Thomas to life.

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The Resurrection

What a triumphant victory for Our Dear Lord!

What a splendid hope for us of everlasting happiness!

You, dear Martin, in the name of the Risen Jesus, raised your Brother Thomas to life. Now please don't let us ever fall into mortal sin, and if ever we have the terrible misfortune to do so get us out of it quickly, very quickly please.

Our Father (1)
Hail Mary (10)
Glory be (1)

Now our intention. Big or little. What does it matter. Martin cares about us.

Our Lord ascends into Heaven, leading Captivity Captive.

2nd Glorious Mystery ~ The Ascension

Saint Martin raises the minds and hearts of the poor and oppressed to the joy that awaits them in Heaven.

II

The Ascension

Our dear Lord ascended into Heaven there to prepare for us a home and a happiness past all our imagining.

Our dear Martin is busy helping us so to love the Lord, that we shall gain the joy which is prepared for us.

O dear Martin, look after us, keep us from sin and prepare us to come and live with Jesus, Mary and you for evermore—Please.

Our Father (1)
Hail Mary (10)
Glory be (1)

Here comes the special intention.

The Holy Ghost descends on Our Lady and the Apostles and fills them with Heavenly Wisdom

3rd Glorious Mystery – Pentecost.

The knowledge of Saint Martin astounded the Theological Students it was evidently infused by the Holy Spirit.

III

The Coming Down of the Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost came down upon Our Lady and the Apostles, also on Martin of Porres, in a very special way.

We are told that he had knowledge infused by the Holy Ghost. At any rate the young students of the Priory used to ask him to solve their theological difficulties, and he did, in no uncertain manner.

Dear Martin, solve our difficulties for us. We have plenty. Make clear the path of duty for us. Help us. Do help us.

Our Father (1)

Hail Mary (10)

Glory be (1)

Now please dear Martin, here is my special intention.

Saint Martin is
caught up in ecstatic
prayer.

IV

The Assumption

Our Lady died.

Then her soul and body were re-united and she was taken up into Heaven.

Sometimes Martin of Porres was raised up in his prayers, lifted up from the ground. That was because of his great love of God.

Dear Martin, how did it feel to go up when you were praying? Or were you praying so hard you scarcely noticed? Help us to pray so hard and so well that when we pray we forget everything else.

Our Father (1)

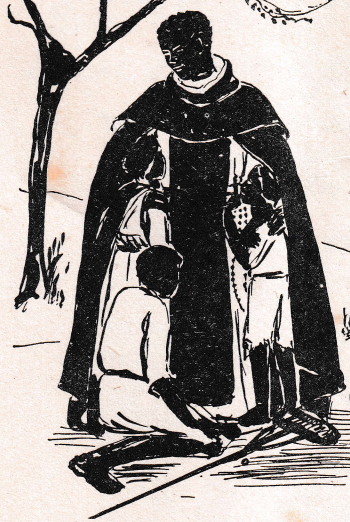
Hail Mary (10)

Glory be (1)

Please, Saint Martin, listen now to my special request.

Our Lady crowned in Heaven — as seen in the vision of St Dominic sheltering her family of Dominicans under her wide mantle

5th Glorious Mystery.



Saint Martin seen with the poor and sick gathered under his cloak.

V

The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven

What a welcome that dear crowned Mother of ours will give us in Heaven!

Please, dear Martin, see to it that we don't miss that welcome.

Our Father (1)
Hail Mary (10)
Glory be (1)

Now let's ask for our own final perseverance.